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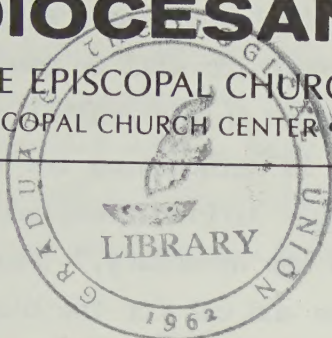
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UTO GRANTS HELP,MONTANA TO UGANDA

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept.20) — United Thank Offering grants totalling well over \$2.4 million will once again provide everything from loans in Bangladesh to circuit riders in Montana.

The Fund received more than \$2,252,000 from the Ingathering, which became the basis for grants to 125 projects throughout the Anglican Communion. Now in its tenth decade, the Fund — alongside the English missionary societies — has been a key vehicle for the expansion of Anglican Christianity. In the last two decades, its major thrust has been the development of the indigenous Anglican churches overseas and the support of social ministries at home.

This year's grants illustrate anew both the breadth of the Fund's mission and the growth of the Anglican Communion. Most overseas grants are in the range of \$15,000 to \$35,000 and will be used for everything from expanding parish facilities to buying cars to training women in job skills through to scholarships and books for ordinands.

The largest single grant this year is one of \$66,000 to the Igreja Episcopal do Brasil (Anglican Province of Brazil). Willeen Smith, coordinator of the United Thank Offering on the Episcopal Church

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Center staff, explained that the provincial leadership agreed that they would submit only this one request, which will be used to establish a new diocese and an episcopal presence in the federal capital area of Brasilia. "This is a Church that is maintaining its independence in spite of high inflation and terrible difficulties, and this was a project that all the dioceses agreed was necessary," Smith stated. The funds will be used for a residence and car for the bishop.

By contrast, the smallest grant -- \$500 -- will help renovate rooms so that a Chilton County, Ala., emergency assistance program can set up a collection/distribution center. The grant is small only because the diocese of Alabama was firm in insisting that most support for the project come from local sources.

One of the most unusual grants this year will be used to support the work of a -- shades of colonial days! -- circuit rider in the Diocese of Montana. "When you picture Montana, you get a whole new idea of space," Smith noted. To bridge those distances, the diocese conceived and launched a youth circuit rider project to link the widely-separated young people to each other and to the larger church. Throughout the last school year, the circuit rider drove 8,000 miles, establishing relations with youth groups, linking them up and running youth events in the four deaneries. Smith reported that the "tremendously enthusiastic response" of the youth encouraged the diocese to continue and expand the program this year.

With salary provided locally and a \$12,173 UTO grant, the personal visits will be stepped up, and the circuit rider will also work on developing resources and training adults as youth leaders.

While the evangelism, training and building projects that the Offering supports are the staples of mission expansion, the granting committee is also open to more experimental projects that offer a church an opportunity to make a major impact on a region's livelihood. One such is a \$44,600 grant to the Diocese of Lango in Uganda which will be used to buy equipment for an edible oils extraction project that is expected to produce a whole new income source for a people deeply beset by economic woes since the reign of dictator Idi Amin.

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In addition to direct grants, the Offering also participates in mission through scholarships for women, gifts to women missionaries and support of continuing education for missionaries.

The full grant list has been distributed to diocesan bishops, United Thank Offering and Episcopal Church Women leaders, all grant requestors, and will be available in pamphlet form at the end of the year.

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RICHARD L. CRAWFORD NAMED

PUBLISHER OF EPISCOPALIAN

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PHILADELPHIA (DPS, Sept. 20) -- Robert L. Hartford, president of The Episcopalian, Inc., has announced appointment of Richard L. Crawford of the Diocese of Oklahoma to be second publisher of The Episcopalian. Crawford succeeds Henry L. McCorkle, who headed the publication from its first issue in 1960 until his retirement in September.

"Beginning with a BA in journalism and public relations from Oklahoma City University, Crawford has developed a solid background in editing and publishing," Hartford said. For sixteen years he was writer/editor for daily papers, then managing editor of a mid-western daily. Five more years were spent in public relations, mainly with Public Relations International, a Tulsa-based firm with offices in Houston; Washington, D.C.; London, England and Madrid, Spain.

In 1979, Crawford accepted the dual role of assistant to the Rt. Rev. Gerald McAllister, Bishop of Oklahoma, and director of communications and public relations for the diocese. An ecumenical Christian, he founded the state "Sooner Chapter" of the Religious Public Relations Council, which represents seven Christian denominations and the Jewish community. He also presided over the Central Oklahoma Multi-Media Association (COMMA), an interfaith agency assisting churches and arts organizations throughout the state. With McAllister, he contributed to "Family Focus," a TV series featuring six family life styles.

COMMA also produced a special TV program on Oklahoma's companion diocese, West Ankole, Uganda. Crawford and John Gross, an architect, were the first official representatives of the Diocese of Oklahoma to visit Uganda. They have been in close contact ever since.

For the past three years, Crawford has edited Oklahoma's Mission. The diocesan newspaper, it has been printed as part of The Episcopalian since 1977.

Other diocesan ministries in which Crawford has been involved include clergy deployment and a diocesan Venture in Mission campaign. He is currently enrolled in the master's program of the School of Religion, Oklahoma City University.

Crawford, 46, is married and has four children.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING:

WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

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SECAUCUS, N.J. (DPS, Sept. 20) -- Will there be a place for the Church in the planned communities of the future? Meadowlands Ministries, Inc., is working to assure that the answer is "yes".

"We are trying to discover how to do mission in a modern setting" says the Rev. David Kern, who serves as missionary to New Jersey's Meadowlands area and vicar of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour here. He is also executive director of Meadowlands Ministries, an ecumenical group whose purpose is "to represent the interests of all Christian bodies desiring to sponsor a comprehensive witness and ministry to the Meadowlands." The project has received strong support from the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, which was also one of its founders.

Kern admits that when he first grasped the extent of the problem in the Meadowlands, he was "floored". A 19,730 acre area in northern New Jersey, the Hackensack Meadowlands District is part of a current trend toward massive developments rather than individual ones. Although there were 14 towns in the general area, there was also much open space, when, in 1968, the state of New Jersey began its development program. As part of this, a commission was set up by the state and empowered to determine land use and zoning regulations for the area, which is expected to have over 100,000 residents within 15 to 20 years.

To date, development has not included any predetermined zoning for religious purposes, or, until recently for "social" purposes. Even if it had, land costs of \$200,000 per acre in the Meadowlands mean that few -- if any -- churches could afford to build individually.

That realization was one of the factors in the founding of Meadowlands Ministries, which was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in June of 1982. Explaining his diocese's backing of the group, the Rt. Rev. John Spong, Bishop of Newark, said: "I cannot imagine a community of over 100,000 people anywhere in this country not being concerned for those spiritual and service institutions that make any community more than just bricks and mortar."

Membership in the organization is based on affirmation of its purposes, active participation, and an annual contribution. In addition

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to the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, current members include the Northern New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Church, the Palisades Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church, New Jersey Association of the United Church of Christ, East Coast Synod of the Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in New Jersey, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

Working with the Hackensack Meadowlands District Commission and Hartz Mountain Industries, one of the individual developers, Meadowlands Ministries has recently won the inclusion of space for a day care center in a planned shopping center. They are also working to solicit donations of land from developers for churches and other community service needs.

Kern says churches haven't really known how to deal with the current situation. "Traditionally, they've grown with the community, but we don't have the money or the mechanisms or the people to kind of keep up with that kind of high-level planning." An idea being explored by Metropolitan Ministries is one gaining popularity in Great Britain and Canada, where churches band together and share most facilities while maintaining separate worship areas. The group is also seeking ways to form bridges between existing and emerging communities.

Another important part of the Meadowlands Ministries vision for the future is incorporation of a second organization, this one devoted to broad-based local activism. Training sessions for clergy and laity have been held during the last year, and the new group is currently forming. Its agenda will be developed by the people involved based on issues affecting their lives, such as housing and jobs. According to Kern, the hope is that this will function on the parish level much as its parent group does on the judicatory level, with a strong cooperative relationship between the two. Kern adds, "Meadowlands Ministries is concerned with institutions, this will be concerned with local people. Those concerns are not always the same."

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PROVINCE 8 OPPOSES '815' SALE,

EMBRACES ETHNIC MINISTRY

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by Christine Dubois

Olympia Churchman

PORTLAND, Ore. (DPS, Sept. 20) -- The eighth province has joined Province II and the Diocese of New York in urging Executive Council to reverse its decision to sell the Church Center building at 815 Second Avenue in New York City.

At the 58th provincial synod meeting here Sept. 4-7, delegates passed a resolution asking Council to "defer any further decision in conjunction with the possible sale of '815' until after the meeting of the General Convention in Los Angeles, Calif., in September of 1985." The resolution continues: "It is the mind of (Provincial) Council and Synod that this decision was made with undue haste and without adequate consideration of all appropriate factors..."

The synod also firmly committed itself to ministry with Asian, Pacific Island, and Hispanic peoples. Hailed by one supporter as "probably the most exciting action ever taken by the synod," the group adopted "A Strategy for Asian and Pacific Island Ministries" and voted to create a Pacific Coalition of Dioceses, responsible for Asian, Pacific Island, and Hispanic ministry development within the province. A committee was appointed to consult with Executive Council on the possibility of increased national Church funding for these ministries in the next triennium and possible block grants from the national church to support this work. Additional funding will come from member dioceses.

In other action, the synod asked General Convention to allow laity to administer Communion under special circumstances, called for seminary courses in peace education, pledged greater sensitivity to the concerns of black Episcopalians, and recognized aging and young adult ministry as provincial program areas.

Program sessions included small group luncheons broken down by interest area and a panel discussion on ministry formation.

A highlight of the meeting was Friday morning's "A Covenant for Action: Models of Local Ministry," coordinated by provincial hunger chairwoman Margot Miller of the Diocese of Oregon. Slides, speakers, and skits illustrated diocesan models for hunger, peace education,

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street kids, and Hispanic ministry. After the presentations, delegates were given an opportunity to sign their own covenant of actions, committing themselves to social outreach in the next year.

The Rev. Canon Roswell Moore of the Diocese of California was re-elected president of the province. The Rt. Rev. C. Brinkley Morton, bishop of San Diego, was elected vice-president, replacing the Rt. Rev. Robert Cochrane, Bishop of Olympia. Joyce McConnell, treasurer of the Diocese of Olympia, will represent the province on Executive Council.

The Province of the Pacific is the largest and most multi-cultural of the Church's nine provinces. It includes the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii, along with Navajoland, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

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PICTURE CAPTION:

Vietnamese Priest Ordained

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(84190) The Rev. Dr. Duc Xuan Nguyen, the first Vietnamese priest in the Anglican Communion, poses on the day of his ordination with the Rev. Canon John Yamazaki, left, and the Rev. Fletcher Davis, right, two of his presenters. Nguyen is vicar of the Vietnamese congregation which was started at St. Anselm's Refugee Center in the Diocese of Los Angeles. At the ordination, Davis, former rector of the parish and president of the Center board, reminded the ordinand that while "many hands are laid on your head today, many hopes will be laid at your feet." Nguyen, a former Methodist minister who has been a chaplain at the Center since 1979, presided later in the summer at the opening Eucharist of the Asiamerica Ministries Conference, of which Yamazaki is one of the senior members.

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